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The Order

Of the

Hospitalls of K. Henry the viijth and K. Edward the vith,

viz. { St. Bartholomew's. / Christ's. / Bridewell. / St Thomas's. }

By the Maior, Cominaltie, and Citizens of London, Governours of the Possessions, Revenues and Goods of the sayd Hospitalls.

1557.

To the Right Worp.ll
Sr. Humphry Edwin Knt
and Alderman
Governor of Christ's Hosp.

D'Arcy Power F.R.C.S.E.
Jan: 1889

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Martis vicesimo Octavo die Septembris Anno Phil. et Marie quarto et quinto.

AT this Court, it was agreed that all the several Articles and Ordinances hereafter mentioned, and expressed, and openly read to the Court here this day Concerning the

the Gouernance and Or-
dering from henceforth of
the house of the poore in
West-Smithfeild and the
Hospitalls of this City,
lately deuised by Sr Mar-
tin Bowes, and Sr Row-
land Hill Knights, and
diuerse other of my Ma-
sters th'Aldermen, and the
Commoners of this City,
being Gouernours and
Surueyors at this present
of the said Houses, and
of all the Lands and o-
ther Reuenues of the same
whatsoeuer, shall be entred
of Record, and from hence-
forth

forth be put in due Execu-
tion from time to time, ac-
cording to the true mean-
ing of the same.

Goodfellow.

The Ordinances and Rules for the Governors of the Hospitalls in the Citie of London.

To be redd in every of the said Hospitalls at a full Courte once every Quarter, either xiiij days before, or after the Quarter day.

WHereas the most excellent and worthy Princes our late Soveraigne Lordes Kinge Henry the viijth and King Edward the vjth of their bountifull benignitie and charitable devotion tawardes the succour and sustentation of the poor in this Citie, have geven and graunted by their Lettres Patents, with

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Indentures of Covenants and bandes to the said Princes and their Successors by the City made for performation thereof, to the Maior and Cominaltye Citizens of this said Citie, Aswell iiij several Hospitals, (that is to say) By King Henry the viijth one Hospitall called St Bartholmewes the little, and by Kinge Edward the vjth iij other Hospitalls, called Christs Hospitall, Bridewell place, and St Thomas Hospital; As also certain Lands and Tenements; towards the relieve and maintenance of suche Poor as there are relieved, and have also by their Kingly Prerogative, graunted unto the Maior and Cominaltie, for the better Government of the same amongst other

other things in the said Lettres Patents, authority and power to elect and chuse Governours and Officers, And also to make and constitute good and holsome Ordinances for Godlie maintenance thereof, by vertue of the whiche Lettres Patents We the said Maior and Cominaltie have made and ordained these Rules and Ordinances in maner and forme followinge.

The Order

First, How manye Governours shal be elected; the maner of their Election; and how they shal be divided, and of their continuance.

THe number of persons that shal Governe the said iiij Hospitalls before mentioned shal be Lvi at the leaste, and xiiij of them to be Aldermen (that is to say) vj Graye clokes and viii callabre, with Lij grave Commoners, Citizens and Fremen of the said Citie, whereof iiij to be Skriveners, at the leaste; to th' intent that in every House may

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be one or moe, as neede shal require. And if of the Aldermen of the Auncients Graycloke to be Governours generall of all the said iiij Hospitalls; the Senior of those twaine to be Comptroler, and the other Surveior; and other xii Aldermen and Lij Commoners shal be devided equaly to the said iiij Houses (that is to saye) for every House xvi persons at the least, to wit, iij Aldermen, whereof one shal be a graycloke, who shal be their President, and xiij Commoners whereof one shal be their Tresurer.

And yearly, upon the day of St Matthew th'apostell, at a Generall Court to be houlden in Christe Hospital, or ell in some

other convenient place, by the said Governours or the most part of them, shal be elected and chosen new Governours to govern the said Hospitalls for iij years then next ensuinge from the feast of St Michaell tharchangell; and none to remaine above iij yeares, except reasonable consideration and by consent of the greatest Number of the said general Courte.

And if it happen any of the said Governors do dye within the year (as God defend) being under the degre of an Alderman, or the Threasurer (the Governors of Saint Bartholmews Hospitall being excepted) the Governors of the said Hospitall in the said Howse where he served, shal at the farthest

within

within one Moneth after his decease, at a full Court, then and there elect and chuse one other Commoner in the place of him so deceased. But if it happen that either the Comptroler, or Surveyor generall, or any of the Aldermen or Thresorers of the said Hospitall, (except before excepted) shall happen to die (as God defend) Then at a Generall Courte to be holden in Christes Hospitall or els where as before, within x dayes at the farthest after the decease, then and there shall by them be chosen one other or more in the place or places of him or them so deceased, and as often as it shall happen.

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At whiche Generall Courte being kept on St Matthews daye, there shall also be chosen for Auditors generall of the Accompts of all the said Houses, xvi persons, iiij of every Houle, to wit an Alderman and iij Commoners, and the Aldermen to be the Ancients of such as have not been Maior, to Audite alwell the Threforer and Renters Accompts, as also thaccompts of all other Officers in any wise accomptable to the said Hospitalls.

The election being thus finished; Then shall be called in before the said Courte, all the Bedells, who shall deliver up their Staves and depart the Howse, that the opinion of the Court,

Court, may be harde touchinge the doing of their duties. To the entent, yf any of them be faultye, that he or they may be rebuked or dismissed, at the discretion of the said Court, and thereupon to deliver unto suche as then remayne, their Staves and again astablishe them.

And for the better order and redines in the general election; the Governours of every House, xx daies before the said day of election, At a Courte to be holden in every of the said Hospitals, shall then and there confere together, and nominate and put in writing the Names of suche Number of grave Citizens, as by their discretion shal be thought mete to succede in the places of such as have remained

mained their full time. To the intent, that out of the said Number soe nominated, such of them as shall by the said Generall Court be thought meete, may succede and be Governors for iij yeares then next ensuinge.

And the same election, aswell made upon St Mathews daye, as at any other time after within the yeare, either at a Generall Courte or otherwise in any of the said Hospitalls, the same shal be presented in writinge to the Lord Maior and Courte of Aldermen in the Guild hall, at the next Court there holden after the said daye of election, by them to be ratifyed and confirmed, or els to be reformed according to the appointment

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of the said Court of Aldermen.

And within viij dayes at the farthest next after the confirmation of the said election generall by the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, the Threasorer of every House shall cause a Court to be warned, and call thereunto all their Governors both Aldermen and Commaners, as well the ould remaininge as also those that be new elected; and every Man to take his place accordinge to the degree of the Companie whereof he is free, except he be such a one as have borne th' Office of an Alderman, or Shrieffe, or hath fined for the same, who shall take place between the Aldermen and

and the Threasorer; Then shall the Clerke read the Generall charge of every Governor as followeth.

The Charge of every Governor in generall.

Whereas upon St Mathews day last past, At a Generall Court, Your worships now here present were then elected Governours of this said Hospitall for the ij yeares next ensuinge from the Feast of St Michaell tharchangell, to succede in the places of suche as be departed, according to the confirmation and ratification of the Lord Maior and

Court

Court of Aldermen in that behalfe; Your charge shall be in this Government, that every of you endevor your selves with all your wisdomes and powers faithfullie and diligentlie to serve in this Vocation and Calling; which is an Office of high Trust and Worship; for ye are called to be the faithful and true distributors and disposers of the goods of Almightie God to his poor and needy members. In the which Office and calling, if ye shall be found negligent and unfaithfull; you shall not onelie declare your selves to be the most unthanktull and unworthie Servants of Almightie God, being put in trust to see to the reliefe and succor of his

his poor and needy flock; But also ye shall shew your selves to be very notable and great enemyes to that worke, whiche most highlie doth advaunce and beautifie the comon weale of this realme, and chiefly of this Citie of London. For by this most comendable and notable policie, Idelnes the enemie of all vertue is suppresed and banished; The tender youth of the nedy and idle beggars vertuously brought up; The Number of sicke, sore and miserable people refreshed, harbored and cured of their maladies; And the vile and sturdy strumpet compelled to labour and travaile in profitable exercises. Requiring every of you, faithfully to travaile in this your

Office

Office and callinge; that this worke may have his perfection, and that the nedy Number committed to your charge be diligently and holsomlye provided for. And for your care towards these poore and nedye members of Christe, you shall be rewarded at his hand, and receive his blessinge in this world, and in the world to come the joyes everlasting.

And for as much as your Worships now present, aswell, such as be new elected, as also such as remaine of the oulde, are now all confirmed and established Governors; It shall be necessarie, that presentlie from amongst you, there be chosen and

and elected iij Almoners, for the dailie overſight of the Houſe, as aſſiſtants with the Threſorer; ij Scruteners to gather in the Legacies; with a Rent-gatherer, and ij Surveiors.

And to the intent that every of your Worſhips may the better underſtande what in this Government yow have to doe duringe the time you are in Office, Now ſhall be preſentlie read unto yow, the Letters Patents and Graunte from the Kinge, with the Indentures of Covenants. Thereby to ſhew to yow, aſwell what benefits the Citie receveth by the ſame; As alſo what is by the City to be done in that behalf, for the maintenance, ſuccour, and relief of the poore; with the true

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estate of the Howse, aswell the foote of the Threforers accompt, As alsoe the Number of children remaining and Pencioners relieved at the Cities charge.

And for the better instructinge of your Worships touchinge the Government herein; You shall understand, that by vertue of theis Grants from the Kinge, The Maior and Cominaltie Citizens of the City of London Governors of the Possessions, Revenewes and Goods of the said Hospitalls, have made and constituted certaine Ordinances and Rules, declaring aswell in what maner your Courtes shall be kept; As also the charge of every severall Governour, accordinge to his Office and appointment; with the charge

also of everye Officer to the said Hospitall appertaining viz.

First of Generall Courts touching the Government of all the two Howses, and what in them is to be done.

A Generall Court is to be understoode, when the greater parte of the Governors be assembled, that is to say, xxxij at the leaste in Number; for generall causes appertaininge to all the two Houses. Of the which Number, at the leaste foure shal be Aldermen, and one of them to be a Graie cloke. And whatsoever

soever shall be agreed by such a number, the same to be taken as matters agreed by a Generall Courte, and shall not be altered or annihilated, but by a Generall Courte incident to matters concerninge the generall Government of all the iiij Houses.

Item, That no Governour, either Alderman or Threasurer of any of the said Hospitalls, be taken into the place of any such as shall hapen to die within the yeare, otherwise then by election at a Generall Courte to be called in that behalfe as before. And that the Names of the said person or persons soe elected and chosen, be presented unto the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, be-

fore they be called unto the
said Hospitall, to receive their
charge.

Item, That no chiefe Officers
in any of the said Hospitalls
(to wit) either Clerke, Hospi-
taler or Matrone be admitted
or removed, without a Gene-
rall Court, or els by consent
of the Lord Maior and Court
of Aldermen.

Item, That noe Leases be
let in reversion, proceeding out
the Kings gifte, or otherwise
generally graunted to all the
Howses, but one year before
the years of the ould Leases
be expired; and that the
same Lands or Howses be
first surveied; and no such
graunte to be made, but by a
Generall Court; To the in-
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tent that accordinge to the Covenant with the Prince, the most profit may be made thereof, and to be onlye employed to the benefit of the poor and not other wise; except in wages, and resonable consideration to the Officers serving in the said Hospitalls.

The Order

Of a full Court in this Hospitall called Christs Hospitall for weighty Causes, and what is thereat to be done.

A Full Court shalbe when xiij of the Governors of this said Hospitall be assembled at the leaste, whereof two shall be Aldermen, the one of them to be the President, with ten Commoners besides the Threasurer; and what these xiij persons or vij of them at the leaste, the President being one of the Number, shall decre, ordaine or a-

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Item, That no Governour
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Court of Aldermen, before he
e called to receive his
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Item, That no Sale of
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Lease, alienation, Buildinge
r reparation be determined
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ments geven to thonlye use of Christs Hospitall, or in any wise belonginge properlie to the same, except at a Full Court, to be holden in the said Hospitall as before.

Item, That no reward bee geven to to any person above the somme of v shillings at once; which must be done by the consent of the Threasorer and one of the Almoners at the least; except first the same be graunted and determined in a full Court as before.

Item, That there be no Leases let in revertion but one year before the ould Lease be expired; and that no such graunt be made but by a full Court as before, or els not; and that all the same Leases

be drawen in paper by a Scryuenor, one of the Governors of the said Hospitall before they be engrossed, and he to be alowed for every draught accordinge to the quantitie; And the Clerke of the said Hospitall to engrosse them, and to procure the Sealing of all such Leases before the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen in the Chamber of London, where the Comon Seale of the Hospitall doeth remaine.

That noe manner of bargaines be made for Timber, Tile or such like, or any other necessaries for the said Howse, before the same be determined at a full Court to be holden as before, and the persons then

then and there to be named and appointed which shalbe the Doers thereof.

What is to be done at Ordinary-Courts, when two or more of the Governors be assembled, the Threasorer being one.

TO examine, Order and punishe any Officers that shalbe found to offend at any time within this said Hospitall.

To make provision in convenient time for Victualls, Fuell, and other necessaries, as Cloth, Woll, Flere, Towe and

and Lether, and other such like what soever shalbe by them thought needefull for the furniture of the Houshold and releife of the children.

To paye the ordinary Fees to all suche as are allowd to be Officers, and all such others, as the Governors of this Howse have graunted any Pencion unto.

Touching

The Order

Touching the Admitting of Children and Graunting of Penciōners, to be either Paid in this House, or in Parishes.

There shall be no Childe admitted into this Hospitall except it be first declared to this Howse by a Certificate in writinge from a Vestrie holden in the Parishe, by whom the Suite is made, and the same to be subscribed with the Alderman of the Warde or his Deputie, and vi of the Auncients of the same Parishe at the least, that

that the said Childe was there borne in lawfull matrimonie, or els in no wise to be admitted. And that no poor person be admitted to any Pencion, either to be paid in the parishe or in this Hospitall, without the like certificat as before; with declaration, that the said parties have continued in this Citie by the space of iij yeares, except by warrant from the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen. And that this Ordinance touchinge the admittinge of childzen, be not broken, except in cases of extremity, where losse of liffe and perishing would presently followe, if they be not receved into this said Hospitall; which is to be considered

dered of by the Threasorer and two of the Almoners at the leaste, and the same childe to be entred into the Court Booke, and by the Threasorer and Almoners to be underwritten, for the Clarks warrant in that behalfe. And that all Bills receved from Parishes, as before, either for children or Pencioners be kept on a file, and that there be geven Warrants to the parishe underwritten by the Threasorer and other Governours, what shall be paid to any such Pencioner wekly, so long as they live and shall have nede thereof, and dwell in the parishe, being not otherwise provided for.

Of the Hospitalls.

For putting Children forth to Service.

ITem, The Threasurer, with one other of the Governors at the least, shall put forth any of the children of this Howse to service, having a careful regard to whom they be put; chiefly, that they be honest personnes, and such as be well able to kepe them, and to bring them up to suche facultie, service or occupation as they may hereafter be good members in the Commonwelth. Whereas without such regard taken, they may happen to become more poore than their poore Parents;

and

and also become evil members, to the great griefe of such as daily relive them in this Howse; and that as nigh as they can, to binde them with none, but with Fremen of this Citie; And before they be so put foorthe, being Men children, they may write and reade and cast Accomptes, being found apt thereunto.

And that suche of the children as be pregnant and very apt to learninge, be reserved and kept in the Grammer-Schole, in hope of preferment to the Universitie; where they may be vertuously educated, and in time become learned and good members in the Common weale.

Of the Hospitalls.

For the Examination of Single-Women being gotten with Child; And the persons with whom they have committed the Offence.

AND that two Governours or more, whereof the Threasorer to be one, if he be not sicke or out of Town, shall also at any time examine all single women or others being brought into this House with childe; and cause the parties whom they accuse to be sent for before them; and upon his or their confession, to cause

him or them to enter into bands with Suerties to the Maior and Cominaltie, to see the same childe kept from the charge of this Citie and Hospitalls; and to se the woman provided for, from that tyme untill she be delivered and churched; with suche other Covenants as the case shall require. And if the said parties doe not confesse the facte, and the same by all presumptions likely to be true; they shall be committed to Ward, there to remaine untill further tryal may be had thereof; Or els put in Suerties to answer this Courte from time to time, untill the truthe may be knowen. And these matters to be used accordinge to the discretion

trecion of the Thresorer and two other Governors at the leaste; And this is ordained, to avoide the laying of such children in the Streets, whereby this Hospitall upon such extremities should otherwise be charged thereby.

Governours.

A Comptroller } General
A Surveior }
A President
A Thresorer
iij Almoners
ij Scruteners
A Renter
ij Surveiors.

The Order

The Comptroller Generall.

ITem, That the Comptroller be warned to every generall Court, And also to every full Courte which shalbe holden in every of the severall Howses for waighties causes; and that the Threasorer of the Howse or Clarke by his appointment, where such full Court shall hapen to be called, Do first informe the Comptroller of the matter and causes. So that it may be at his choise and plesure whether he will be there, or not; Or whether it will please him to appoint some other time in that

that behalf; Notwithstanding, if he be not there, yet that he be afterward informed, how the same matter was ended and determined.

Item, That after the Generall Courte or day of election, the coppie of the said election being confirmed by the Lord Maior and Courte of Aldermen, shalbe deliuered unto the Comptroler; To thintent, by the same remaininge by him, he maye perceve from time to time, who be the Governors for the yeare ensuinge for eve-ry seueral Howse.

Item, That the Threasurer of every Howse, or the Clerke being thereunto appointed, Doe after the generall Audite of e-very Howse, deliver into th'

hands of the Comptroller, the juste and true foote of the Accompte of either of the Howses; with the Number of children and Pencioners; and the same to bee done within vi daies after thee said Audite daye at the farthest.

The Surveior Generall.

ITem, That the Surveior generall be likewise warned to every generall Courte; and the Comptroller being not in Towne, hee to be warned to any such full Courte as shall be houlden in any of the said severall Howses for waighty causes; and to be im-

informed likewise by the Threasurer or the Clerke by his appointment, of the causes; to thintent, that it maye alsoe be at his choise, whether he will be there or no, or otherwise refere the time untill he may more conveniently.

The President.

ITem, That the President of every severall Howle shal be taken as chief Ruler and Governour, next unto the Lord Maior for the time being, of the Howse whereunto he is chosen. And his authority shalbe, from tyme to tyme at his plesure, and as to him shall seme good, to cause the Number of the Go-

pernors to be called together and to reprove, and reprehend any Governour in his Office: if there shall appere good cause unto him. And all Courts for waighty matters, shall by the President be appointed ;; and without his personn, shall no waighty matters be determined or agreed upon.

The Tresurers Charge.

YOur Office and charge is to receve and paye all such sommes of mony as by any meanes shall appertayne or belong to the relievinge and comfortinge of the poore children of this House and Pensioners heere paid; and to make a true and just accompte

compte thereof within iij Monthes at the furthest, after th' end of every year, duringe the time that you shall remaine Threasorer. And the same your Accompte to be made unto the Auditors thereunto appointed; and what somme or sommes of mony in the foote of your Accompte by them shalbe found due to the said Howse, yow shall pay within xxtie daies at the farthest after the said Audite be done and finished, unto the Threasorer whiche shall succeed yow, exrept yow remaine Threasorer your selfe.

And whereas the Clerke, to th'intent you should be lesse troubled, is appointed to many Recepts and Payments, You shall

shall for the more securitie therein, once every moneth call him to an accompt. And on the Saterday before the Moneths end, you shall at Ordinary Courts appoint two Auditors, aswell to Audite the same his accompte, As alsoe the accompte of Blackwellhall, or other such like; And if he the said Clerke or any other whose accompt shalbe so Audited, doe not deliver unto yow the mony found to remaine in their hands by the said Auditors, within three dayes next after at the furtherst, the same being by you demaunded; Yow shall then advertise the Lord Maior thereof (the President being not in Towne) and what any of them shall advise:

vse yow therein, the same to doe, for your better safety in that behalfe. And although here be limitted one Moneth for them to accompte; yet yow shall at your pleasure at any time within the moneth, your selfe call them to accompte, and use such means as may be for the most suertie therein; detaining into your owne custodie the over-plus, if any money be in their hands; or by any other waies and means, as to yow shall seem good in that behalfe. Provided alwayes that the Clerke of this Howse exceade not at any time in arearage x l. at the most. And as yow shall receve the overplus from him, or any other of the Officers at any time being

ing found; So shall yow, if aparant neede require for payments to be made by them, deliver suche competent somme or sommes of mony, as to your discretion shall seme good.

You shall at your first entrance into your Office, or within one moneth after at the furtheste, receive into your hands an Inventorie of all and all maner of goods in the said Hospitall, Aswell at the hands of the Patron, as also at any other Officer charged in this Howse; and the same shall be Indented th' one part thereof to remaine in your custodie, and the other in the custodie of the persons charged. And at every years end, to perus[e] the

the Inventory of the goods, during your abidinge in Office. And if it shall happen that any suth Officer charged, shall depart in your time; you shall se the goods in all respects whatsoever, that were by Indenture comitted to the parties so departing, delivered over by Indenture as before, into the custodie of the new Officers, what or whosever they be. And if there be any parte or parcell thereof wantinge, which in conscience ought to be answered, yow shall cause the partie so departinge away, to pay for the same, yf otherwise they cannot geve accompt thereof to your satisfaction, or els to bring them before a Court, that order may be taken therein.

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You have also authoritie to call before yow all such persones or Officers, as have the collection or gathering of any somme or sommes of mony dew to the said Howse, and to demaund an accompt of their doeing; aswell of the Collectours of the parishes, As also of the Scrutiners, Almouers, Renters and others whosoever.

And all the Officers in this Howse, aswell Men as Women whosoever (taking wages of the Citie) not behaving themselves faithfully in their Offices wherein they serve; when any suche thinge shall happen; yow shall call them before yow, and admonish them for the first and second tyme at the most.

most. But if thoffence be very grevous, and to the hinderance of the Howse; Then the matter shall be brought before the Court, and the parties thereunto answer, and abide such order as shalbe taken in that behalfe.

And you shall not make paiment of any somme or sommes of money for any manner of provision of the said Hospitall, except it be for Nursinge of children and ordinary Pencions, Wages, and Fees, before it be condescended and determined by iiij of the Governours, and one of them to be an Almoner: From whose hands yow shall have the Bill for your sufficient warrant in that behalfe.

Also

Also yow must diligently forsee, that such necessaries and provisions as are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Hering, Wood, Cole, and other whatsoever; that the same be provided in due time, to the profit and commoditie of the said Howses. And if any withdrawinge of the sommes graunted to the maintenance of the said Howses, shall at any time appeare unto yow, by reason whereof the said Howses may come to any great afterdeale, You shall then geve knowledge thereof in due time, desiringe the ayde and helpe of the rest of the Governours for the redinesse thereof.

And

Of the Hospitalls.

And forasmuch as your Office must of necessitie be an Office of much paines and attendance, by reason whereof yow shall have occasion to be oftner in the Hospitall than other of the Governours shalbe. It is therefore ordered, that yow with one Almoner shall from time to time, in the absence of other the Governours, have power and authoritie to examine all such Beggers, Vagabondes, Strumpets, or single women gotten with childe, and other personnes that shall happen to be taken and brought before you by the Bedles, or els sent by the Alderman, Deputie, or Constable of any Warde of this City. And them to examine, comit to prison, reproue, ba-

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the Apostle saith, Godlines sha
have his reward, not onely i
this world, but also in the worl
to come.

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Of the Hospitalls.

The three Almoners charge of this Howse.

YOur Office and charge shalbe at all times, as ye conveniently may, to visit Christs Hospitall, and there to learne and knowe the true Number of Children that the Howse is charged with; As-well those that are harboured in the Howse, As alsoe those that are founde at the charges of the same in the Countrie; for feare that yow not knowinge the true Number, shall exceade in burdeninge and charginge of the Howse.

Also ye shall enquire of their Diet and entertainment; and of the quietnes of the Howse; and whether every Offycer in his Callinge doe his Duetie; As the Schole Maisters in teachinge; The Matron in governinge the wemen, and keping the provision of Bedds, Sheets, Shirts and other committed to her charge; The Nurses in washinge and keping cleane the childzen; The Steward in providing of victuals in due tyme, and at resonable prises; The Cooke in holsome dzessinge, and cleane serbinge of the same; The Butler in dibidinge their propozcion of bzeade and dzinke; The Pozter in geving of his attendance upon the safe keping

of the Howse; The Keper of your Cole house, in saving of your Fuell, and keping cleane of the Cloister, and all other outward parts of the Howse; And the Clerke in writinge and entring of things done and determined from tyme to tyme, in such sorte and maner, as every of them is bound to doe by his Office, which in the book of the charge of Officers, yow shall find plainly set out. And if any shall be found not to doe their dutie, yow shall reprove and admonish them, that they amend and be no more found faultie, and that if they doe not, yow will cause them to be brought before the President and Governours at the full Court: That in like man-

ner as they were admitted by them, Soe shall they before them be discharged, to their shame and reproach for ever. And that settinge aside all favor and affection, if any offend after ij admonitions, they be called to a Generall or full Court without longer sufferance.

And if by your good travaile, there shall apeare unto yow a lacke of some further ordinance or Decree for the better Government of the said Howse or Howses then before hath been made; Then shall it be lawfull unto yow to penn the same Ordinance; And at the next full Court, to make presentation thereof; committing it to their wisdomes to be confirmed or rejected, and being agreed upon

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the same, to be entred into this Book of Ordinances.

The Scruteners charge.

YOur Office is deligentlie to serch and enquire from tyme to tyme for all suche Guiftes, Legacies, and Byquests, as have or shalbe geven or bequeathed to the succour and comfort of the poore harbored in Christs Hospitall; and the same to receve at th'ande of th'executors, or other, and to make paiment thereof unto the Threasorer of the said Hospitall for the time being; receivinge of him your acquittance for the same, keping a booke alwayes

with yow, of the particulars thereof. Which booke ye shall bringe to the Auditors of the Howse, when the Threasorer maketh up his accompt; To thintent the Legacies by yow collected, may be conferred with the reciepts that the Threasorer shall make receved of you.

And for every such somme or sommes as ye shall hapen to collect and receave of any person, ye shall make an acquittance in your names, as Governours and Scrutiners of the said Hospitall.

And finally when yow shall hapen to be in Companie of good vertuous and welthy men, You shall to the best and uttermost of your wits and powers, advance, commend,

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and set forth the order of the said Hospitall, and the notable Commodities that ensue to the whole Realme of England, and chiefly to this Citie of London, by erection of the same; And also how faithfully and truly the Goods geven to their uses are by the Governours thereof ministred and bestowed.

Yee shall also enquire, who are the Wardens of the Scriuenors; to whom ye shall resort and most heartely pray and desire, that they will conuocate and call their whole company together, and earnestly exhort them all, that at the makinge of such Testaments as they shall be called unto, they put the Testatour in remembrance

membrance to comend some-what to the releife of the poore provided for in the said Hospitall.

And that they may the better perswad them thereunto, ye shall deliver unto the said Wardens, for every Housholder of that Company, one Bill, wherein is set forth the true declaration of all the comodities that have ensued by th' erection of the said Hospitalls. Ye shall alsoe make the like request to the Bishop of London for the tyme beinge, that he will likewise exhort all spiritual Ministers within the Citie, not onlye to provoke and stirre up from tyme to tyme their Parishioners to yeld and give to the maintenance of the said

said Hospitalls wekely that they have graunted; But also, when God by sickness shall visit or call any of their parishe, that then they faile not to put them in remembrance to make some special Legacie, to the relefe of that great and nedy Number comforted and succored by th'erection of the said Hospitals.

Also ye shall make the like request to the said Bishop, to require all Preachers, especially suche as shall preach at Pawles crosse, that they twise or thrise in the quarter at the leaste, doe moue and exhort the people, to further the said worke.

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And the like request shall ye make to all such Preachers and Lerned men, as your Selves are acquainted with all. And to the Physitians also, requiring them in like manner, both by theyr doctrine and good report, to advance the same.

And at th'ands of him whom ye chiefly serve in this Office, which is Almightie God, you shall receive your reward for your painefull and faithfull service herin.

Of the Hospitalls,

The Surveiors Charge.

IN the Moneth of March Ye shall yerelie Survey all such Tenements and Lands as in any wise appertayneth to this Howse. At whiche tyme the Clerke shall be redy to attend with a Rentall, wherein shalbe expressed the said Tenements; with the places and Streets where they are; and their yearly valew; with the Names of the Tenants; And upon the head of every Tenement shalbe noted, the terme of yeares, if it be Let out by Lease; And whether the Lord or Tenaunts be bound to reparations. And al-

also thereunto shalbe joyned such Covenants as shall or doe mention any forfeiture off the said Lease, for not observing the Covenants; To th'intent that readely he may know when faults be made, whether he may re-enter for the same. And all defaults that shalbe founde in such Survey, Ye shall cause the Clerke to enter in a Booke; putting apart those Tenements wherewith the Howse is to be charged with reparacions, from such as the Tenants are bound to repaire. And at the next Court (the President being thereat) the same Book of Survey shalbe redd. And so much as shalbe at the same Court determined to be done,

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the Threasorer shall cause the Renter to doe or see done; whereat the Steward shalbe alwaies attendant; and the determination of the said Court shalbe the Threasorer's Warrant.

And for your paines in this behalfe, You shalbe recompenced with a Crown in everlasting glory purchased by our Saviour Christe, for all such as travaile to the comfort and succoure of his poore and nedy Members.

The Order

The Renters Charge.

YOur Charge is Quarterly to Collect and gather for the terme and space of one whole yeare all these, Rents that shalbe contayned in a Rentall, and delivered yow by the Threasorer of this Howse for the time being; and the Somes by yow collected ye shall forthwith pay unto the said Threasorer.

Also Ye shall doe or cause to be done all such reparacions as from time to time shall be determined by the Governors of the Howse at a Generall Courte to be done. Which shalbe delivered unto yow in a

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Bill subscribed with the hand of the said Threasorer.

And of all such Somes as ye shall receive or pay, ye shall make accompt thereof to the said Threasorer. And if at any time ye shall perceive the Tenants negligent in doeing of reparacions, being bound thereunto by vertue of their Leases, ye shall geue warninge thereof unto the Threasorer, that the Governors may take order therein.

And if ye shall perceaue any Lease or termes of yeares to be nigh expired, Or any Suite to be made for them, whereby the Howse maye take any commoditie; Ye shall also give knowledge thereof in due time.

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Officers

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Officers.

The Clerke
The Matron
The Nurses and Keepers of Wards
The Steward
The Officer appointed to warne the Collectors and Churchwardens
The Cooke
The Butler
The Porter
The Shomaker
The Chirurgian
The Barbour
The Bedles.

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The Order

The Charges of the Officers of this House.

The Clerks Charge.

YOur Charge is to be continually attendant here in this Howse, or some other convenient person at your appointment, such as you will answer for, to attend as well upon the President, the Treasorer and Governors wheresoever they shalbe, heere or else where, about the affairs of the Howse, being in due time advertised thereof. To th'intent if occasion require to have any thinge put in writinge,

inge, that such order may be lwaies used by you, as the ame may be entred into the Books of this Howse, incident o the matter.

As also to attend upon the Collectors and all other per-onnes, aboute the Receipts nd Payments of mony; hich yow shall not only re-eaue, and paye duelie, but rom tyme to tyme and at all mes, when it shall please he Threasorer to request yow hereto, to yield to him a true nd just accompt thereof; And uch mony as shall at any time e founde to remaine in your ands, the same to deliver to he Threasorer within iij dayes fter your atcompt so taken ither by himself or by the Au-

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You shall not deliuer any money in prest to any Officer of this Howse, or to any other, without the Threasorer will yow the same to doe, or that the same by an Ordinarye Court be graunted.

And to thintent that all things in your Office may be the redier answered, yow shall kepe all these Books followinge, and any other that may be thought hereafter convenient, for the better ordering of all things appertayninge to the same.

First You shall kepe a Court-booke, otherwise called a Memorial-booke, whereinto yow shall write all things passed in any Courte or otherwise. And the same yow shall passe into

such other Booke or Bookes as the Cause and matter shall require. To th'intente there may redely be found any matter that shall be required of yow. And whatsoever shalbe in any Courte by yow written down, the same shalbe redd before the breakinge up or departure, that the Governors may perceave thereby, whether yow have entred all things to their mindes or not.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the children admitted into this Howse; and the same shalbe called the Booke of Children. Which booke shall contayne th'admission of any childe into this Howse, and by what order the same was receued; directinge the same to the Number

of the files of Bills receaved from the parishes in that behalfe. Whereby the day of the Moneth and yeare of their admission may appeare; thereby to find, when Aeiwe is taken, whether the same Childe be living and remaininge in the Howse, or at Nurse; at Service, or els dead, in such maner as the same booke is ordered, extant to be seene.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the Nurses which keep any of the said Childzen of this Howse, and the same shall yow call the Nurse-Booke; thereby to shew how many childzen every Nurse hath, their wages wekely due for them, and a iuste note of the daies they were deliuered; the better to

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Yow shall also keepe a Pencion-Booke whiche shall declare the Number of the pooze in this Citie, relieued by this Hospitall, and paid in the parishes. Wherein shalbe expressed the tyme of their admission and their Stipends wekely, which shalbe referred unto the Bills on the files receaved for their admission from Parishes; as warrants for payinge of them in that behalfe.

Item, Yow shall kepe an Yerely-booke for Collections, Legacies and Benevolences, Boxe mony, and all other Receipts and Payments for the yeare, beginninge alwaies the

day of September and ending the of the same Month the next yeare following. Which Booke shall serue aswell to accompt with every Parishe seuerally; As also for the Legacies and other accompts before mentioned.

Item, You shall kepe viij Moneth-Books. Every Booke shall containe all your receipts and Paiments receued and paid in euery Moneth; and they shall passe under these titles in their Payments (that is to say) Boord-wages paid weekely to the Matron, and Nurses; Necessaries for the Houshold, Pencioners paid in this Howse, with every of their Names recited; and the seuerall Pencions, with a iust ac-

accompt what is every weeke due to any of them: And also the like for children abrode at Nurse. Which Books are extant to be seene and daily had in use. And at every Quarters end the Fees and wages of Officers; as he also entred into iiij of their Books, such as shalbe incident to the Cause, accordinge to the time of the yeare.

And the substance of all the said xiij Books, aswell Paiments as Receipts, yow shall beare ouer into the former Collection-booke immediately upon. To the intent, that at thend of the yeare, the same booke maye containe aswell your Receipts and Paiments in all respects, as also the Threasorers. Wherein together

ther shalbe the whole accompt of the Threſorer for the yeare pertectly set down. Which yow shall engrosse and write faire into a Booke; entituled The Threſorers Accompts. And beſides the same, make for him a treue and iuſt priuate Coppie thereof verbatim, which he shall haue under the Auditors hands, in his own tuition, for his discharge in that behalfe.

And you shall not faile to have the said iij Books (to wit) the yearly Collection-book, The Threſorers accompt-booke and the Threſorers privat Coppie-booke all made in a readines in convenient time, for the Audite; and thereupon geue notice to the Threſorer, what

what tyme yow be redy; to th'intent that the Auditors may be warned to Audite the same; and that it be within the time limited.

Item, Yow shall kepe a Booke wherein shall be entred all debts owing to the Howse by composition, and therein declare their tyme of payment, and the maner of the Bands; And also what mony remaines to any of the children, which was receved at their admission.

Item, a Booke breiflie to declare how many children from time to time have bene receved out of the parishes of this Citie, and shalbe entituled Children from Parishes; how many of them be living; how many

many be put to Service; how many be dead; and how long they remained at the Cities charge, before they were put forth; and how many doe remaine at the Cities charge. Therewith to charge the Collectours withall, when they shall be importunate in their Suites.

Item, A Booke briefly to declare what Bands remaine, and from henceforth shalbe taken for keping of children, or otherwise, and as the same Bands be delivered, the said booke to be discharged thereof.

Item, A Booke of all the Lands and Tenements belonginge to this Howse; of whose Gift they be; Where they lye;

of their Buts and boundes; for what rent they goe; when all their Leases will be expired; with all other such necessarie declarations, as in that behalfe shall be nedefull; and this Book shalbe Intituled The Booke of Lands and Tenements.

You shall also be mindfull of the time for chosinge of Collectors, and prepare their preceipts in a redines for the same. And also for the viewing of all the poore in the Citie, and such like, and put the Threasorer in mind thereof.

And against Easter yow shall prepare a Booke for the receipt home of the children, to perceaue thereby, how the same will accord with your Nurse-

booke and Booke of Children: thereby to kepe your great Books faire. And note also, that yow nether make nor medle in any other mans Office, but in your owne; and if yow se any thinge amisse in them, geue the Governours to understande thereof, who will reform the same.

The Matrons Charge.

YOur Office is an Office of great Charge and Credite. For to yow is committed the Governance and oversight of all the Women and Children within this Hospitall.

And also to yow is geuen authoritie, to commaunde, reproue and rebuke them or any of them; And if any shall happen to disobey, whom you shall not be able to correct, Yow shall from time to time make such knowen unto the Almoners and Governors of the Howse, that they may take order with them, as shalbe thought meete by their wisedomes.

Your Charge is also to searche and enquire whether the women doe their duetie, in washing of the Childrens Sheets and Shirts, and in keeping cleane and sweet those that are committed to their charge and also in the Beddes Sheets, Coverlets, and appar

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raile, (with keping cleane their Wards and Chambers) mending of such as shalbe broken from time to time. And specially yow shall geue diligent heede, that the said Washers and Nurses of this Howse be alwaies well occupied and not idle. And that their Linnen be wholsomly and cleanly washed; and the same first receued from the Kepers be (after the washing thereof) quietly deliuered unto them.

You shall also once every quarter of the yeare, examine the Inventorie which shalbe deliuered unto you, of the Implements of the Howse; As of Beddes, Bolsters, Mattresses, Blanquets, Coverlets, Shets, Pallads, Shirts, Ha-

sen, and such other; whether any of the same be purloyned, embezeled, spoiled, or otherwise consumed; and to make such lacke and faults, as by yow shalbe espied, knowen unto the Almoners of this Howse for the time beinge; that they may take order therein.

You shall also geue great charge unto all the Nurses of euery Warde, that no Child be receiued by them, before the name of the same child be entred into the Ward-booke nor that any be deliuered to Nurse or otherwise, but that they be also entred, and to whom they are delibered, with the day and month when the same is done.

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You shall also neither receave nor deliver any thinge that passes in the Wardrop, unles you now cause the same to be written by them that are appointed thereunto. And be ware to receaue from the Nurles in the Country, when any Children die, their apparaile.

You shall take such order among the Nurses or otherwise, that the Hall be kept swete and cleane; and sufferr non of the children to be there after their meales, except it be at Seruice time, and when it shall please the Governors to appointe them.

You shall twise or thrise in euery weke arise in the night, and goe aswell into the Sicke

warde as also into euery other Warde, and there se that the children be couered in the beddes, wherby they take no colde.

And laste of all, if you shall perceaue that any Officer or Officers of this Howse doo abuse themselves, either in woorde or Deede, Yow shall admonishe the Governors of the same, and not medle any further therin, neither to have to doo with any Officer or Officers, other than appertaineth to your owne Office and charge as aforesaid.

The Charge of the Nurses and Keepers of the Wardes.

YOur Charge is faithfully and truely to serue in this Howse, to obey the Matron thereof.

Ye shall also flie and eschue all rayling, skoldinge, swearinge and drunkennes.

Ye shall in your behauiour and doings be vertuous louinge and diligent.

Ye shall also carefully and diligently ouersee, keepe, and governe all those tender babes and yonglings that shalbe comitted to your charge, and the same holesom-

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and shalbe taken in this Howse, be within your Wardes and places of lodginge, and se that all your children before they be brought to bed, be washed and cleane, and immediately after, every of yow quietly shall goe to your bed, and not to sit up any longer; and once euery night arise, and se that the children be couered, for taking of colde.

Theis are the especial partes of your charge, whicheye shall endeuour every of your selues, with all your powers to obserue and kepe; or els ye shall not only remaine under the correction and punishment that shall be thought meete, by the discretion of the Governors; but also to be expulsed and banished

nished this Howse for ever. And whatsoeuer faults ye shall perceaue by any other Officers in this Howse, the same ye shall declare unto the Gouernours, and not otherwise medle or make but in your owne busines.

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The Stewardes Charge.

YOur Office shalbe to prouide all such necessarie Victuales as shalbe assigned from tyme to tyme by the Threasorer or Almoners of the Howse, to the use of the poore; and the same soe prouided, ye shall deliver the due proportion appointed for euery meale unto the Cooke. And this shall you dailie doe, in the presence of the Matron or one of the Almoners of the Howse.

Alsoe yow shall diligently forsee what necessarie provisions are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Fishe, Wood, Cole, &c.

&c. and in due time geue knowledge thereof unto the Threasorer, or one of the Almoners of this Howse, that provision may be made accordingly.

You shall not embezell, or convay any maner of Victualls, either to your owne use, or to the use of any person, other then to th' use of this Howse as aforesaid; upon pain to be deprived of the Howse and lose your Office for ever.

And attendant shall yow be upon the Rentar, what tyme any buildinge shalbe for this Howse, and upon the workemen, and carefully to overse them in all respects.

This is your charge which se that yow doe, and have not to

to doe with any other mans Office; but if yow espie any not to doe their duties faithfully, yow shall geue warninge thereof to the Governors and to medle no further.

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The Officers Charge appointed to warne the Collectors and Church-wardens.

YOu shalbe diligent from time to time when yow are required, to warne the Collectors and Church-wardens; aswell for the bringing in of their mony, and the presentacion of their poore, as for any other causes incident thereunto. In the doeing whereof, you shall use gentle and courteous spethe, as shall become you in that behalfe.

You shall also se that there be aswell in the Sicke warde, as

as also in every other warde, a Book kept by such a one of the Grammer childzen as can rediliest write, of all the Names of the childzen in euery Warde; and when any childe is receiued into any of the said Wardes, the same childes name, with the day of the moneth, to be entred. And so likewise when any be delivered to Nurse, oz in any wise remoued, either into the Sickwarde, oz other wise, likewise to be entred. And once euery Moneth to confer theis Ward books with the Clerke, to se how they will agre with his Books.

You shall also kepe the Wardrobe-booke, wherein shalbe written, first the remainder of all things at euery Michaelmas.

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Into the whiche booke, yow shall allsoe enter all things that shalbe bought in the whole yeare following; setting euery kinde by it selfe.

And you shall kepe another Booke for the said Wardrobe; which shall containe the Names of all the children belonging to this Howse; setting the children at Nurse by themselues, in such sorte, that the Nurses names may appeare, and how many children each of them hath, with their Names; and directly against euery childe yow shall writ what was deliuered: thereby to shew whether the Nurses have receued more than they ought or not, and the time when any of their children die.

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And not to be a medler in any other mens busines than your own; but if yow se ought amisse, to informe the Governors thereof.

The Cookes Charge.

YOur Office is to dresse such meate as shalbe delivered unto yow by the Steward, to the use of the poore, wholsomly and cleanly. And that you receave no meate of the said Steward, but in presence of the Patron of the Howse, or of one of the Almaners. And the meate so receued, you shall enter euery meale into a booke, and once every Moneth, your book shalbe conferred with the Stewards

book; and your said book shall be subscribed, or signed by the Patron or Almoners that shall be present. And the same Steward to have his allowance accordinge to the book so subscribed and not otherwise.

You shall have no maner of Fee profit or other comodities, as Tallow, Ashes or any other: but onely your wages and Liuery.

This is your office and charge, whiche se that yow faithfully doe; and have not to doe with any other's Office. But if you espie any thing that shall sounde either unhonest or unprofitable to the Howse, yow shall geue warninge thereof to some of the Governors; and you to medle no further, upon pain of displesure.

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The Butlers Charge.

YOur Office shalbe to receaue of the Baker and Bruer, such bread and drinke, as shall from tyme to tyme be appointed by the Gouernors of this Howse, for the use of the pooze. And the same to deliuer againe to the use of the pooze at euery meale; after such maner and proporcion, as shalbe apointed yow by the Threasorer or Almoners of that Howse.

And alwayes the Tallyes of the same Baker and Bruer shalbe in the custodie and keping of the Threasorer, or one of the Almoners, who at the bringing in either of bread or drincke,

shalbe called and made privie thereunto.

You shall have no manner of Fees, but your ordinarie wages.

This is your Office; which if se that yow doe, and have now to doe with other mens Offices: but if any thing be amisse, enf forme the Governours, and medle no further.

The Porters Charge.

YOu shalbe attendant diligentlie and carefully in looking to the Gates, chiefly in the winter euenings, and se them shut in at a due hour; and after they be shut in, to be circumspect whom you let in and out.

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And after the houre of nine of the clocke in the winter season, not to open the Gates in any wise, except on a very great occasion.

And in somer season, yow shall kepe the Gates open no longer than nine of the clocke; and you shall, after they be shut in, neither let any in nor out after ten of the clocke at the furthest.

Faile yow not this to observe, as yow will answer thereunto, if any complaint come thereof, before the Governours.

And yow shall not make or medle in any other mans office, but duely doe your owne. But if you se any thing amisse in them, yow shall certifie the Go-

vernours thereof, that they may take order therein.

The Shoomakers Charge.

YOu shall in due time put the Threasorer in mynde to provide Lether for this howse.

And all the children under your governance, yow shall not onelie teache your science, but also governe them orderly. And such of them as yow cannot rule, yow shall present unto the Threasorer and Almoners, that such may receive condigne punishment.

And you shall not deale with any mans Office and charge, but your owne; and if yow se

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any thinge amisse in others, yow shall certify the Governors thereof, that they may use reformation therein.

The Beadles Charge.

YOur Charge is daily, and as occasion shall serue, to attend at this Hospitall, upon the Threasorer and Gouernors of the same Hospitall; and to be redy and willing to execute such businesse as the said Threasorer and Governors or any of them shall command you; and to doe such other businesses as is needfull, by the direction of the Clerke, or other cheefe Officers in the Governors absence.

You shall viset every day all such Wards as is appointed for

your walkes; and shall cleanse all the same Wards from beggars and other idle people; and the same people so found to driue away, or to carry to Bridewell.

You shall also, according to the ould custome, give your attendance upon the Lord Maior at the Guildhall, the Sessions Howse and Bridewell; and there performe your office as yow are commaunded, as occasion shall serue.

You shall alwaies carry your Tipstafs in your hands, and weare your blew Liueries; except you be other wayes licenced.

And at every Court day, you shall deliuer into the Court house, your said Tipstafs in the present Court; and after the Court is ended, yow may lawfull-

fullie take them againe, except the Governors do detain them from yow, or any of yow for some offence, or neglecting your dutie.

All theise things you shall perform to the utmost of your power, and the Orders hereunder written, and all other good Orders which shall hereafter be devised for the good of this Citie; whiche see you do observe and keep.

And have not to doe with other mens Offices; But if you see any Officer or Officers to doe amisse, yow shall informe the Governours thereof, and meddle no further.

The Orders for the Beadles of this Howse.

FIrst you shall euery day, twice and two together, walke through your Wards appointed, with your staffs in your hands; and all such Vagrant and idle persons, as you shall find in your walks, or in any place abroad, you shall apprehend and conuey to Bridewell. And if you chance to be resisted by any of the said Vagrants and euill persons; you shall call for aide to euery Constable next adioyning to assist you. And if he refuse so to doe; to take his Name, and to goe to the Lord Maior, and

and deliuer unto him the disobedience of the said Constable. And if the Lord Maior doe not presently cause such Constables to be punished; then at the next Court of Aldermen, yow to attend and make your complaint, whereby the Law may be executed accordingly.

Item, if any of your Citizens die within your walkes; you are to giue your attendance at the Howses of them so deseased; and to see that no Rogues or idle persons resort thither to trouble the Street.

And if any thing be given you of Benevolence for your travail, to take it thankfully, without calling ought of Dutie. And if yow be not of your selves able to cleare the Streets of such;

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then yow shall call to your aide such Beadles, whose walks are next adjoyning, to aid and assist yow therein. And yow shall distribute to them part of such money, as shall be geven unto yow. And yow shall not intrude your selves to none other Burials out of your Wards or walkes, but unto such as yow shall be called by your fellow Beadles.

Item, one of yow every Sunday, with the rest of the Beadles of the other Howses, shall give your attendance at Pauls crosse at the Sermon time; to visit all the Streets and Lines adjoyning, and there to apprehend all such Vagrant and idle persons, as shall be there found, by yow or

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any of yow; and to carry them, aswell men, as women, and children to Bridewell; whereby there may be order taken according to the Law prescribed.

And if any of yow shall be found negligent in performing these Orders aboue said, or any other orders hereafter made and deuised; upon every fault found, your staffes shall be taken from you, and to be secluded for ever more for serving in those romes. Whereof assure your selves, without any labour or otherwise, to be punished according to the Governours discretion.

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